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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK

Applicants: Skuriat et al.  
Serial No.: 09/540,648  
Filed: March 31, 2000  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MEASURING TRADE MANAGEMENT  
PERFORMANCE  
Examiner: S. Shih  
Art Unit: 3624

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 23, 2004**

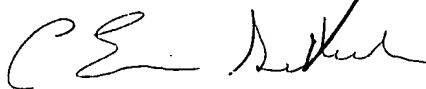
In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement in the Office Action mailed January 23, 2004, Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I, Claims 1-8 and 10, drawn to systems and methods of providing a measure of performance of participants to a trade management process.

Applicants make all elections without prejudice to pursuing non-elected subject matter in one or more divisional applications.

CONCLUSION

The application as presented is believed to be in allowable condition, and Applicants respectfully request a favorable examination. To answer any questions, or otherwise further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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